

Agency Information

AGENCY : FBI
RECORD NUMBER : 124-90143-10315

RECORD SERIES : HQ

AGENCY FILE NUMBER : 100-370750-171

Released under the John
F. Kennedy
Assassination Records
Collection Act of 1992
(44 USC 2107 Note).
Case#:NW 54460 Date:
10-04-2017

Document Information

ORIGINATOR : FBI
FROM : LA
TO : HQ

TITLE :

DATE : 05/17/1950
PAGES : 15

SUBJECTS :

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON

DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT
CLASSIFICATION : Unclassified
RESTRICTIONS : 4
CURRENT STATUS : Redact
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 10/09/1998

OPENING CRITERIA : INDEFINITE

COMMENTS : RPT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FILE NO. 100-21198

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 5-17-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24, 31/50 5/10/50	REPORT MADE BY MWR SA BERNARR M. PTACEK
TITLE JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, WAS. Jacob Levy, Jack Lawson	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C		
		Classified by 7/3/57 saab/bja/tcy	Declassify on 2/23/46

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS **6/14/50** JOHN HOWARD LAWSON left Los Angeles on March 31, 1950 for New York City where he will make a speaking tour in behalf of the "Hollywood 10" and remain until about June 15, 1950. In New York City he resides at 344 E. 45th Street, though his permanent address continues to be 9354 Burnet Ave., San Fernando, Calif. A confidential informant has advised of LAWSON's membership in the Communist Party. Informant advised that LAWSON was quoted "with reverence" at Hollywood Communist Party meetings. Supreme court refused to review convictions of DALTON TRUMBO and subject on Contempt of Congress charge. The court was again petitioned to hear case on basis of "an individual is not compelled to testify before a government body if he believes he will incriminate himself and laws of California where both men live permit them to refuse to state their political affiliation." LAWSON is a member of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Southern California Council of American-Soviet Friendship. The American-Russian Institute of Southern California now displays a red ceramic bust of LAWSON which is about two feet high. He wrote an article in the April 1950 issue of the "Masses & Mainstream" entitled "Myth and Money". LAWSON is a delegate to the National Arts, Sciences and Professions Council Convention in New York April 28, 1950 and attended a gathering honoring Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY, retired chairman of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. Physical description set out.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. B.	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE Harold	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES DESTROYED 28 MAR 13 - Bureau (100-24499) 2 - New York (100-80918) 3 - Los Angeles		RECORDED - 26 INDEXED - 25	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 28 MAR 13 - Bureau (100-24499) 2 - New York (100-80918) 3 - Los Angeles		MAY 23 1950	
COPY IN FILE 350		CONFIDENTIAL	

L A 100-21198

INFORMANT PAGE

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Information Furnished</u>
T-1	CD-49	3-29-50	SE George C. Lowry
T-2	CD-60	5-8-50 3-21-50 3-24-50 3-27-50	SE EARL F. DUDLEY SE STANLEY E. COUPE SE DONALD R. BELMONT
T-3	CNDI LA 3200	May 1947	SA BERNARR M. PTACEK
T-4	LOUIS F. BUDENZ	4-4-50	New York Agents
T-5	JOHN ALLEN DUNKEL	4-12-50	SA MERLE L. PARKER
T-6	CNDI LA 2954 DUNKEL	Jan. 1949	SA MERLE R. ADAMS
T-7	GENE HAGBERG 6404 W. Nollywood Blvd.	3-24-50	SA BERNARR M. PTACEK
T-8	[NK 1727]	1-26-48	Newark Agents
T-9	ND Bos 538	10-2-48	Boston Agents
T-10	CNDI LA 3287	3-3-50	SA BERNARR M. PTACEK
T-11	CNDI LA 3234	8-2-49	SA LESLIE F. WARREN
*T-12	CNDI LA 3258	May 1947	SA GEORGE THOMSON
T-13	CNDI LA 3379	4-17-50	SA IRVING T. WEEKS
T-14	CNDI LA 2900	2-26-45 2-14-45	SA FRED G. DUPUIS

REFERENCE: Report of SA BERNARR M. PTACEK at Los Angeles dated
3-7-50

-14-

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JMB-10312